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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated July 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 31, 2003, having been extended for one month so as to expire August 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.